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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a Response in reply to the Office Action mailed August 15, 2003, in the subject application.

Also enclosed is a 2-Month Petition for Extension of Time, including a check in the amount of \$210.00 for the filing fee.

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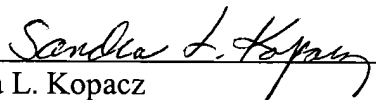
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RESPONSE

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REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected many of the claims, including the sole independent claim (claim 1) as obvious in light of Lambert '376 in view of Lamp '621, as set forth on pp. 2 and 3 of